Visas Issued to Indians by different Countries

3634. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any special procedure for issue of Visas to Indians by different countries to permit visits of stay in different protectorates, such as the Re-Union Island under France;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, indicating the understanding or bilateral agreements if any in this regard; and

(c) whether any special additional fees is also charged besides the normal Visa fees chargeable by the Mission for permitting visa facilities for such protectorates, and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSEED) : (a) No, Sir.

Normal visa rules apply as in the Case of other foreign nationals.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Criticism of Indians in Bangaladesh Assembly

3635. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a resolution reported to have been adopted by the Bangladesh Assembly criticising India on the recent developments in Ayodhya; and

(b) if so, reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a statement made on January 22, 1993, our Spokesman rejected the resolution adopted by the Bangladesh Assembly criticising India on the recent developments in Ayodnya as a totally unacceptable interference in our internal affairs. The statement criticised the ruling party in Bangladesh for indulging in public denunciation of our policy and actions and for arrogating to itself the right to advise us on matters in which it had no *locus standi* whatsoever. It expressed concern over untold sufferings and deep insecurity caused to the minority community in Bangladesh due to excessive and violent reaction in Bangladesh since December 7, 1992. It called upon the Government of Bangladesh to ensure that our bilateral relations continue to governed by accepted norms and principles concerning the relations among neighbouring countries.

In a demarche made to the Bangladesh High Commissioner in India, on January 25, 1993, Government expressed a strong sense of disappointment over the resolution adopted by the Bangladesh Parliament.

Milk Plant in Bihar

3636. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to established a milk plant, preparing/making Baby food etc. in Bihar (particularly in North Bihar);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the total investment on the plant and by when the work is likely to begin; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) be in the negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (c) Central Government does not set up the Food Processing industries directly. No proposal has been received to establish a plant for manufacturing/preparing/making baby food in Bihar.